WARRIOR AND FRIEND

"Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself." 1 Sam. 18:1

1. IS *DEVOTED*. 1 Sam. 18:3

"Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself."

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." Rom. 12:10

2. SACRIFICIALLY SERVES. 1 Sam. 18:4

"And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt."

"...'Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you..." 1 Sam. 23:17

"Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her." Eph. 5:25



"Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

"Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God." Rom. 15:7

4. DEFENDS. 1 Sam. 19:4

"Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, 'Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you."

5. ENCOURAGES. 1 Sam. 23:16

"And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God." "Because of all my adversaries, I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I am forgotten as a dead man, out of mind, I am like a broken vessel. For I have heard the slander of many, terror is on every side; while they took counsel together against me, they schemed to take away my life." Ps. 31:11-13

"As for me, I said in my alarm, 'I am cut off from before Thine eyes'; nevertheless Thou didst hear the voice of my supplications when I cried to Thee." vs. 22 "Thus he said to him, 'Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also." 1 Sam. 23:17

"The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chains; but when he was in Rome he eagerly searched for me, and found me..." 2 Tim. 1:16-17

6. TANGIBLY SHOWS IT. 1 Sam. 20:41

"When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but David more."

APPLICATION FOR ME:

They shared a common Lifestyle.

"How have the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!" 2 Sam. 1:27

They shared a common Faith.

"Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, 'Come and let us cross over to the garrison...perhaps the Lord will work for us, for the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few." 1 Sam. 14:6

They shared a common Passion.

"And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and the raiders trembles, and the earth quaked so that it became a great trembling." 1 Sam. 14:15

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